



2015 OCTOBER CALENDAR

Skinner State Park

10 Skinner State Park Road; Hadley, MA 01035

Park Interpreter: Matt. Park Phone Number: (413) 586-0350

All programs are free and open to the public.

Parking fee of \$5.00 per vehicle for MA vehicles, \$6.00 for out of state vehicles on weekends and holidays.

Reasonable accommodations are available upon request, for more information please call the park.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Unless noted all programs are at the Summit House.

All programming for the 2015 season ends on Monday October 12.

Mount Holyoke Summit House Hours

Saturdays and Sundays after Labor Day 10 AM to 5 PM

Columbus Day; 10 AM to 5 PM

Closed for season after Columbus Day

Follow in the footsteps of visitors from the nineteenth century and walk around and explore the only remaining Victorian Summit House in New England. Sign your name in the guest book, view historic photographs, take in the view from the deck and speak to the park interpreter about the history of this fantastic building. See the view former Massachusetts Senator Charles Sumner praised in 1847 saying “*I have been all over England, have travelled through all the Highlands of Scotland; I have passed up and down the Rhine, have ascended Mount Blanc, and stood on the Campagna at Rome, but have never seen anything so surpassingly lovely as this.*”

Raptors over the Range

Thursdays, September 1 and 8 at 3 PM

Saturdays and Sundays at 1 PM, (Sunday, October 11, special presentation at 2 PM with Tom Ricardi, see below for details)

Programming ends Monday, October 12.

Every fall the annual raptor migration passes right over Mount Holyoke and the rest of the range. Come hear about the hawks, falcons, and eagles that travel south for the winter and learn what you need to know about watching them on their trip south. **MEET ON THE SUMMIT HOUSE DECK.**

Tom Ricardi: Birds of Prey

Sunday October 11 at 2 PM

Sponsored by the Friends of the Mount Holyoke Range Join wildlife rehabilitation expert Tom Ricardi as he introduces you to some of the birds of prey he cares for. See live hawks, falcons, owls, and more. Learn about the lives of these fascinating predators. Appropriate for all ages, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Geology Hike

Friday October 1 and 9 at 9:30 AM

Scattered throughout Mount Holyoke is geological evidence to how the Pioneer Valley formed. Come see these pieces of history and find out how the shape of the Pioneer Valley came to be what we know today.

MEET ON THE SUMMIT HOUSE DECK. This hike is approximately 2.5 miles over moderate to steep terrain. Please bring water, bug spray, and sunscreen and wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Trepidation on the Tramway – Getting up the Mountain

Fridays October 1 and 9 at 3 PM

Riding the Mount Holyoke Tramway was a new experience for visitors to the Summit House. Learn about the tramway and experience the mix of feelings of 19th century visitors had when riding it. **MEET ON THE SUMMIT HOUSE DECK.** Appropriate for ages 12+.

Sightseeing at the Summit: A Tour of the Summit House

Saturdays and Sundays – 11 AM and 3 PM (No 3 PM tour on Sunday, October 11)

Columbus Day – 11 AM and 3 PM

Programming ends Monday, October 12.

Take a tour of the historic Mount Holyoke Summit House and find out why it was such a popular attraction in the 19th century. **Tour size is limited**, sign up at the Summit House desk to reserve your spot. Tour starts from the Summit House front desk. Appropriate for ages 12+.